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Hi Mike,

I have a question on the final cadmium criteria. It is noteworthy that all of the criterion decreased, *i.e.*, became more stringent, in the final updated criteria from the criteria noticed in the draft update on December 2, 2015. I reviewed the preamble, the final criteria document, and response to comments, and I can't find a clear explanation anywhere for why all of the criterion decreased. Can you explain why and/or point me to where this is explained in the final documents?

December 2015 (Draft): April 2016 (Final):

Fresh Acute -2.1 Fresh Acute -1.8

Fresh Chronic - 0.73 Fresh Chronic - 0.72

E/M Acute -35 E/M Acute -33

E/M Chronic – 8.3 E/M Chronic – 7.9

Thanks so much,

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